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1. JIM O'BRIEN OF THE INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION (IAF) CALLED DCM LATE AFTERNOON OF MARCH 8 -- AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT -- TO CONFIRM THAT MORAGA, SANTA MARIA, TOMIC AND KARTZER HAD ALL BEEN INVITED TO THE U.S. BY IAF. O'BRIEN SAID THAT THESE FOUR CHILEANS WERE A PART OF A HEMISPHERE-WIDE CONFERENCE TO WHICH IAF HAD CONVOKED PERSONS INVOLVED IN ITS VARIOUS PROJECTS TO DISCUSS HOW IAF COULD MOST EFFECTIVELY OPERATE. O'BRIEN UNDERLINED THAT THE CONFERENCE WAS OBVIOUSLY NON-POLITICAL AND THAT HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE GOC'S ASSERTION THAT THE CHILEANS ATTENDING WERE ALL CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC ACTIVISTS. MORAGA AND TOMIC WERE RETURNING TO CHILE MARCH 8 AND O'BRIEN ASKED THE EMBASSY TO ENSURE THAT NOTHING HAPPENED TO THEM.

2. DCM CALLED ON THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE JUNTA, GENERAL SERGIO COVARRUBIAS, LATE MARCH 8 TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT. COVARRUBIAS WAS INFORMED THAT MORAGA, SANTA MARIA, TOMIC AND KARTZER WERE NOT INVITED TO THE U.S. BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE UNDER OUR IVP PROGRAM,
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BUT RATHER BY THE IAF. DCM EXPLAINED THE HISTORY, JURIDICAL BASIS AND WORK OF THE IAF. HE POINTED OUT THE PURPOSES OF THE CONFERENCE AS OUTLINED BY O'BRIEN EMPHASIZING THE HEMISPHERE-WIDE ASPECT AND ECONOMIC NATURE OF THE MEETING. COVARRUBIAS TOOK CAREFUL NOTE OF THE FACT THAT THE IAF WAS CREATED BY THE U.S. CONGRESS; CONTINUES TO BE CLOSELY MONITORED AND FAVORED

BY IMPORTANT CONGRESSMEN, INCLUDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN;
AND FUNCTIONS INDEPENDENTLY OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH.
IN THIS CASE THE EMBASSY WAS NOT AWARE THAT THE PERSONS
INVOLVED HAD BEEN INVITED TO THE U.S. BY THE IAF UNTIL
THE GOC RAISED THE MATTER.

3. COMMENT: THIS AFFAIR IS A GOOD CASE STUDY OF THE
PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN IAF-EMBASSY RELATIONSHIPS. THE
IAF WISHES THE EMBASSY TO PROTECT CHILEANS INVITED TO
THE U.S. UNDER THEIR AUSPICES; AND THE EMBASSY IS ONLY
INFORMED OF THE FACT THAT WELL-KNOWN CHILEANS HAD BEEN
INVITED TO THE U.S. BY THE IAF ON THE EVE OF THEIR
RETURN TO CHILE. IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR US TO BE IN
ON THE TAKEOFFS AS WELL AS THE LANDINGS.

4. DURING THEIR LAST VISIT HERE, IAF STAFFERS
INFORMED US THAT THEY WERE HAVING PROBLEMS OBTAINING
THE FUNDING THEY REQUESTED FROM THE IDB (I.E., A PORTION
OF SOCIAL PROGRESS TRUST FUND FROM REPAID IDB LOANS).
WE ALSO HAVE HEARD RUMORS THAT FINANCE MINISTER SERGIO
DE CASTRO IS UNHAPPY WITH IAF OPERATIONS BECAUSE OF
THE KINDS OF PROJECTS THEY ARE INVOLVED IN. WITH
RESPECT TO THE GOC'S CONCERNS ABOUT THE POLITICAL
AFFILIATIONS OF MORAGA, SANTA MARIA, TOMIC AND KARTZER,
IT IS A FACT THAT ALL FOUR ARE WELL-KNOWN CHRISTIAN
DEMOCRATIC ACTIVISTS REGARDLESS OF WHAT ELSE THEY MAY
BE.

5. TAKING ALL OF THE ABOVE INTO CONSIDERATION WE SEE
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STORMY WEATHER AHEAD. THE ECONOMIC TEAM IS DISSATISFIED
WITH IAF OPERATIONS ON ECONOMIC/SOCIAL GROUNDS AND THE SENIOR
GOC LEADERSHIP DISSATISFIED ON POLITICAL GROUNDS. FOR OUR
OWN BACKGROUND, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION
DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE REGARDING THE IDB PROCESSES
WHICH FUND THE IAF, AND PROBLEMS INVOLVED THEREIN,
AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT MIGHT BE RELEVANT.
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